



CITY LIGHTS . . . Mayor Nick Drale poses with Sandra Lea Constance, Torrance High School student who rose from the title of "Miss Torrance of 1954" to "Miss California" this year and was a semi-finalist in the "Miss Universe" contest. She crowned Norma Quine "Miss Torrance of 1955" at the Beauty Pageant sponsored Friday evening by the Torrance Area Youth Bands.

Congletons Returning to Saudi Arabia After One Year in U.S.

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Mr. and Mrs. Burt Congleton have sold their home at 4527 Highgrove Ave. and will be moving sometime in August. The Congletons and their two children are really going about as far from California as you can get since they are moving to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Burt is employed with the Arabian-American Oil Company and has requested transfer there. Arabia holds no fear of the unknown for the Congleton family as they have lived there before. In fact they have been in this country only one year after spending seven years in Dhahran. Both Cheryl, 4, and James, 2 1/2, were born there.

Mrs. Congleton has many interesting facts to relate about Dhahran and their life there. The American Community located there has 1700 Americans. The company furnishes modern air conditioned houses and there is an up-to-date American school. Beside the Arabians, people of 27 other nationalities live in the city. The Arabs are of the Moslem faith and Americans living there observe the Moslem custom of having Friday as the day of rest instead of Sunday. Americans are given Christmas and New Year's off but all other days off are celebrated on Moslem holidays. Liquor is against the Moslem religion and none is allowed in the country. Another interesting taboo concerns Time magazine. Time wrote a feature article on Arabia three years ago. While the story was essentially true, it was not especially flattering and since that time no issues of the magazine have been permitted in the country.

The executive council of the Ellinwood Homeowners' Association met last Monday evening and made plans for the forthcoming general meeting which will be held this Tuesday, Aug. 3. The

meeting place is the Walteria Grammar School and the meeting opens at 7:30 p.m. The major topic of discussion will be street lighting. Be there to help decide on the type of fixture we should have so we can get those lights in soon.

Another matter handled at the executive meeting concerned membership in the association. Someone will call at your door soon with a membership card. Each card entitles a whole family, including everyone of voting age, to belong and the cost is only \$2 per year. The fee will cover costs in the organization, such as renting a hall for the meetings and paying for printed matter. By thinking you assure yourself a chance to be heard in all decisions that affect your daily life here in Ellinwood.

Rebecca McLeod had a belated birthday party yesterday at Walteria Park. Rebecca had planned to have her party on July 24 when she was eight years old. She had to postpone it until yesterday because she got the mumps. The guests enjoying ice cream and cake were Donna Mae Briggs, Evelyn Briggs, Tona Hatherly, Pamela Hatherly, Susan Carter, Candy Monroe, Denise Dossi, Jennifer Reinhardt, and Susie Keefe.

A visitor in the Maurice Quinn home is Geraldine Ryan of Boston, Mass. Geraldine, who is a niece of Mrs. Quinn, is 11 years old and flew here from Boston all by herself.

Mr. and Mrs. William Forrest are spending a month at his parents' cabin at Crestline, Calif.

The Paul Strubles and their three children have just returned from a long trip up the coast where they saw many of the wonders of the west. On their grand tour they saw Lake Tahoe, where they spent a week; Yosemite National Park, the Redwood National Forest, Crater Lake in Oregon, and Sun Valley, Ida.

Mrs. Mary Stricker of Wichita Falls, Tex., and her son of Tucson, Ariz., were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hackbusch.

The James Sullivans left last Saturday for San Francisco where they intend to see the sights and do the town. Sounds like fun, kids.

Visiting the J. P. Freys are Mr. and Mrs. Fred James and their two daughters. The James reside in Nogales, Ariz., where Mr. James is an immigration officer at the Arizona-Mexico border.

Mr. William A. Mason, who registers qualified voters in our area, requests that you call him if you were missed. His number is FR 5-2692. If you aren't registered by Sept. 9 you can't vote in the coming November elections. To be qualified as a voter you must have lived in the state one year, the county 90 days, and the precinct 64 days.

Bill Stulla To Have TV Cast in Town

Bill Stulla of TV fame and his "Parlor Party Gang" will stage a free show for Torrance residents next Tuesday, Aug. 3, in front of Liberty Home Economy Co., 1623 Cravens Ave., according to Milt Isbell, store owner.

The show will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through 12 noon. Isbell said, and everyone attending will receive a free gift.

Appearing with Stulla, who will act as master of ceremonies for the performance, will be Patricia Lynn and Dick Stewart, singers; Vance Colvig, magician; and Bob Mitchell, organist.

POPULATION ESTIMATE
It is estimated there are 210 million people in North America.



A FEW WORDS . . . Master of Ceremonies Tom Hoxle, Long Beach newspaperman, who refereed the Torrance Beauty Pageant Friday evening, presents Sandra Lea Constance, "Miss California" this year and "Miss Torrance" last year, who said a few words to the audience in the Civic Auditorium prior to crowning the new queen.



FROM THE HEART . . . The Rev. Stanley West, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, presents a check to Mrs. Joseph Stemann, of 4710 Reynolds Dr., which will help her keep her Sepulveda Gardens home for at least another month. Mrs. Stemann holds her son, Joseph Jr., as her daughter Diana, 8, sits beside her. Mrs. Stemann's troubles began six months ago when her husband contracted Bright's Disease. He has been unable to work since then and the compensation paid him by Douglas Aircraft ends in August.

Church \$\$ Keeps Woman in Home

Thanks to the generosity of members of a local church, Mrs. Joseph Stemann, of 4710 Reynolds Dr., Sepulveda Gardens, will be able to live in her home another month.

The Stemanns have been the victims of some very bad luck. Six months ago, Joseph Stemann contracted Bright's Disease, a mysterious ailment of the kid-

neys. After fighting off death during the first few days of the disease, he started on the long, slow road toward recovery. He has been hospitalized since.

The Stemanns, an average American family, had average bills to pay each month—but with the husband hospitalized, and the wife about to have a baby and unable to work—the bills began to mount up and there was no way to pay them.

Cashes Insurance
Mrs. Stemann cashed her treasured life insurance policies. Later, she sacrificed the family's 1953 Mercury to a man who gave her \$150 and took over the payments—two days before the finance company moved in.

The compensation paid by Douglas Aircraft—Mr. Stemann's place of work—barely paid the bills each month. So Mrs. Stemann found herself suddenly buried in poverty—unable to feed her daughter, Diana, 8, or herself.

Neighbors Help
The neighbors on sunny, pleasant Reynolds Dr. heard about the woman's plight and rallied to the cause. They took her food, cooked for her and her child, and cared for her when she returned from the hospital with her baby, Joseph, Jr.

But the bills still mounted up. In August, the compensation checks from Douglas Aircraft will stop coming. They allow employees compensation for six months, but Mr. Stemann will be

in bed another four months before he is able to think about working again.

So Mrs. Stemann is appealing to her friends—and she has many, although some of them she has never met.

The Seventh Day Adventist Church Friday gave her a check to help pay her rent this month. They also gave her food to feed her children and herself for awhile.

Food Given
The Dorcas Society of the church, headed by Mrs. Myrtle Gilman, brought the food for Mrs. Stemann and plans to help in every way possible.

Mrs. Stemann tried to apply for county relief but was told she was not eligible until the compensation payments stopped. Then it would take 90 days to receive any help from the county, they added.

Her husband is a veteran of five years' service in the Navy during the last war and saw much action during that time.

Recovery Slow
He will be unable to begin providing for his family for at least four months, while he recovers from the ailment. During that time, his wife will be forced to rely on the charity of others to keep her home and furniture.

Anyone who would like to help Mrs. Stemann can do so through the Seventh Day Adventist Church, according to the Rev. West, pastor.

Obituaries

The Rev. F. M. Clayton

Funeral services were held in Inglewood Thursday for the Rev. Frederick Murray Clayton, 68, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for six years from 1931 to 1937, who died at 1920 Torrance Blvd., where he had lived since 1950.

The Rev. Mr. Clayton came to California from Indiana in 1931 and moved to Torrance after serving with churches in Hollywood and Wilmington. He left Torrance in 1937 to serve in northern California, but returned in 1950 to convalesce here after an illness.

Survivors include a brother, Philip Clayton, 1352 Engracia, and two nephews, Robert W. Clayton, 1215 Cranbrook Ave., and Jack Clayton, 2640 Highgrove Ave., all of whom are in the real estate business.

Nellie K. Reeve

Rites were held yesterday for Nellie K. Reeve, 54, a resident of the Torrance area for ten years, who died Wednesday at her home, 1441 W. 228rd St.

Services were conducted by the Rev. John Taylor at Stone and Myers Chapel and interment followed at Roosevelt Cemetery.

Mrs. Reeve was a native of Wisconsin. She is survived by her husband, Theodore E. Reeve, of the home address, a sister, Vera Baldwin, of Wisconsin; and seven brothers, Hibbard Kelfert, Torrance; Clinton Kelfert, Colorado; Calvin Kelfert, Washington; Cliff Kelfert, South Dakota; Harry Kelfert, Pomona, Calif.; Robert Kelfert, Monterey, Calif.; and Frank Kelfert, Wisconsin.

John Dragoio

John Dragoio, 61, a Columbia Steel worker for 22 years, died Wednesday at his home, 815-A Sartori Ave., and funeral services were held yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. Douglas Jeffrey of the First Baptist Church and interment followed at Roosevelt Cemetery.

A native of Roumania, Mr. Dragoio had lived in Torrance for a year-and-a-half.

He is survived by his widow, Anna Dragoio, of the home address and a son, Robert Casum, of Lynwood.

Mormon Church Plans Mammoth Youth Meeting

A delegation from Torrance will join the more than 100,000 Southern California Mormons who are expected to gather Thursday for the beginning of a four-day Conference of Young Men's and Women's Improvement Associations, designed to display the talents of the church's youth.

The event will be held in the Los Angeles area Aug. 5 through 8. A 1600 voice youth chorus will sing Friday evening in the Hollywood Bowl and will be accompanied by a 75 piece string orchestra.

Dance Festival Next
A dance festival, slated for Saturday night, is expected to pack the 25,000 seat stadium at East Los Angeles Junior College. 4000 of the church's youth will combine in dances from rumba to minuet.

A general conference will be held at the Bowl on Sunday morning followed by a speech festival at the East Los Angeles school, where David O. McKay, Church president, will preside. The opening event on the calendar will be a drama festival Thursday at ELAJO. This will feature skits, plays and acts, all conceived, directed and played by members of the MIA.

Church of God Hits Fund Goal

The South Bay Church of God with the Rev. Clifford L. Tierney as pastor, was one of 484 congregations of the church in America to exceed the goal of \$13,000 per member for the world service fund of the church.

The per member giving of the church here was \$13.92.

The goal of \$13,000 per member set by the national church organization was designed to raise more than one million dollars for world service for the year ending June 30. This fund is used principally for home and foreign missions, Christian education, the church's colleges, and ministers' pensions and aids.

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